

THE EVERGLADES NEWS

"The Truly Distinguished Mind Prefers The Provinces"

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Recent Operations

By Paul Hardie

Twelfth Year Of Everglades Fair Is Held This Week

Interesting Program Is Presented Throughout Period

For the twelfth year the Everglades Fair and Bean Festival, which is staged under the auspices of the American Legion Posts of Pahokee and Belle Glade, got underway last Saturday, which was organization day for the placing of exhibits. Shaded during the day and evening kept down the attendance but the school children who were free guests that day were out in number and seemed to enjoy the hospitality of the school.

On Sunday American Legion groups came for a friendship gathering of the world's war veterans and participated in the ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone of the Lake Okeechobee dike.

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Along with the farmers the merchants are in for a severe drubbing. For, on the farms now depends the future of the merchants.

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making a brave effort to keep their heads above water—as the saying goes. We just can't face the fact that we are in a little serious thinking and those who have shouted about this veritable "land of gold" will come down to earth and realize cold facts. Farming in the Lake Okeechobee Region isn't what it cracked up to be.

I know merchants in the three largest towns here who can't pay their debts and others who strip their cash registers every day of all the loose change to pay for a shipment of goods. It's a hard life, but the ones that have the guts to remedy the situation. I don't have the answer but will freely publicize the answer if someone will come forth and present it.

Club Desires New Building

The Woman's club of Belle Glade desires a modern new building for the housing of a real public library, and is asking citizens and civic clubs to join it in a movement to secure such a home.

The club will hold a fund-raising breakfast on May 7th, at which

Chas. Wicks, Federal President and Mrs. Molly Wicks, President of the

Legion guests of honor, and the latter will be in charge of the ceremonies of installation indicating the newly elected officers into office.

MAKE DONATIONS

The Hendry County Commissioners at Belle Glade, recently made financial contributions for \$500 as a donation to the Lake Woman's club; \$150 toward purchasing uniforms for the school band; and ordered a new American flag for the court house flag staff.

Would Abolish Port Board

A movement has been started by the Board of Realtors of West Palm Beach, to do away with the Port of Palm Beach and its officials, and to place in their place a board of county commissioners. The Board recommended to its members that a special bill be introduced into the Legislature providing for the elimination of the port district and board members.

Schools Awarded Prizes At Fair

Congratulation Superintendent John L. Leonard, Edward Cook, of Dunbar Beach, Mr. Charl Chapman and Mrs. Mildred Hurley, of West Palm Beach, as a committee to judge and give awards on the fair.

Principals and teachers of the schools, including the Pahokee High school, were invited to the opening of the Lake Okeechobee dike.

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F. E. Bryant, superintendent of the Eastern Division of the State Sugar Corporation at Arcadia, was the guest speaker of the afternoon and spoke on "Citizen ship." He states that he was born and raised and has by choice come to this country, a country which he had never regretted making, as he had found happiness and prosperity here, and that he is a citizen, which he is happy to be present on this occasion to dedicate the protective dike which the government built at a cost of \$300,000,000 to protect life and property and cause the Glades to become the great productive center of the vegetable growing areas.

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MAED SECURES PLUMBING CONTRACT

In the farm displays at the Everglades fair, to be held this Saturday, there will be several vegetables, which many claim cannot be grown at a price in the Glades, but the speciality of camp corn, round, yellow, and white, will be available, until after the sugar house has finished its operation for the season.

Caudill And Cox Are Re-appointed

Superintendent of Post Masters of the Fourth Congressional District will be held in West Palm Beach on Saturday afternoon, at which time high officers of the National Association of Post Masters will be present to make addresses and council with the postmasters.

John L. Leonard, of Belle Glade, and C. C. Jensen, of Pahokee, and Oceola Canal Point, have received invitations to be present.

OFF TO GERICE

Hubert Gerice, Pahokee voter,

recently enlisted at Miami, has

been assigned to the Navy Air

Force at Savannah, Ga.

He is to be trained for

the gunnery school at

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It's Fair week in the Everglades. We're not speaking of the weather. It has been anything but fair. More of that "tumusus" kind.

Today the Lake Region welcomes south Florida visitors. It is our sincere hope that each visitor will leave this area with a favorable impression of the folks who make up our citizenry.

The Legislature is off to a new start. At the end of 60 days we shall see what the group has accomplished. In these times the members of the house and senate have an opportunity to carve a niche in history for themselves. Let's hope they do something for the betterment of the state.

POLITICAL GENIUS BUDS

The political genius of Mark Hanna, was once making an inspection of one of his factories when he overheard one young employee remark to another, "I wish I had old Hanna's money, and he was in the poorhouse."

"Then what would you do?" inquired

"Hold cents break" that now goes to the tracks on the grounds that it represents the better's loss and should go to the state rather than the track.

The success of a race track depends solely on the ones who work and eat. The wagering in Florida狂热, costs the state 10 percent, which is automatically lost as interest he pays on every play.

With the take or percentage is immediately increased. It is suicide to the better and experience in other states has shown that where the take is unreasonably, wagering on the part of the bettor that includes the racing guide, for the track, the state, it works the other way round.

California learned this lesson and this year reduced the amateur "climate" is the city's outstanding racing center, second only to approximately 75 percent of their tourist trade, the next strongest appeal is racing which is directly responsible for 15 percent of the state's tourist business and they are plenty worried.

A survey made recently by the Miami Herald shows that while "climate" is the city's outstanding racing center, second only to approximately 75 percent of their tourist trade, the next strongest appeal is racing which is directly responsible for 15 percent of the state's tourist business and they are plenty worried.

Each year state revenue from horse and dog racing has shown a healthy increase with every country becoming more and more popular. Millions have been invested by racing establishments in Florida and the industry has proposed largely to the fact that this state has legislated sane and intelligent in the matter of supervision and taxation.

There are some who contend that the state should substantially increase the racing tax to 50 percent and that a higher percentage would provide a profit from the standpoint of greatly increased revenue.

Others would concurate the

Hanna, suddenly confronting the speaker. "Quick as a wink the young man replied, "Well, I guess the first thing I would do would be to get you out of the poorhouse."

"Push that boy along," Hanna remarked later to his superintendent. "It's not good a politician to keep down."

—Walt St. John.

POETIC INDIANS

The town and counties named by the Indians and their meanings are given by the Eustis Lake Region, speaking of that immediate section. They are as follows: Umatilla, Horse Heaven; Seminole, Peace Flower; Big potato; Oklawaha, Crooked Stream; Astralith, Light Flashing on Water; Okeechobee, Big Pond; Wekiwi, Water of Mystery.

This compares extremely favorably with the paleface nomenclature, tagging towns and cities after some suddenly rich and important nobody. Look at them: Jonesville, Clarkville, Perryville, Booneville, Russellville, Julesville, Smithville, Harrisburg, Springfield, Davierville, Buggsville, Simpkinsville, and the like, ad infinitum ad nauseum.

The noble red man was a little too hot on extermination when he was on the warpath, which, however, was only when he was awake, and not noted for a burning desire to labor, but he never learned to play "skin" on the pale face style when doing business.

We have lived with the Indians and with the pale face, and would rather do business with the former, fan-to-one, than with the latter. The Wades will stick to his word—Lake Wales Highlander.

Patience and the persistence to "plough" through the "continued story" of the State's finances that have accumulated the pages of this excellent document of enlightenment for the past several weeks know that I signed off last week with a threat to tell this week about the cost of maintaining state buildings, the high cost of state government, and a host of other functions of state government.

A total of \$649,059.10 was spent last year on general government, of which \$160,312.68 of \$164,337.32 was spent on constructing a power plant at the Florida State Hospital (Insane asylum) and \$100,000.00 for furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new \$300,000.00 state office building at Orlando.

There was spent for salaries and labor on the Capitol building and grounds \$13,500.00, and the care and upkeep of the Governor's mansion the sum of \$4,488.34 was expended. Only \$96.20 was spent for furnishings in the Governor's mansion, which was to beautify the Chief Executive's office; it was so superbly adorned and embellished by the lovely and alluring First Lady who granted that she would have nothing to do with it, so she spent a lot of money trying to make it more attractive.

Speaking of the Governor's mansion, it is a matter of record that it is among the four or five most attractive and impressive in the United States. A few months ago pictures of every Governor's Mansion in the Union appeared in the press, and it was a pleasure to see that Florida is among the top four or five. I would not be ashamed to reside there.

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The Florida National Guard cost the taxpayers \$113,704.49 last year. The amount spent with the state, with adequate medical care in childhood. This duty is far more binding on the State than many other functions which it now performs at expense of the taxpayers. Everyone is entitled to a good education, and the cost of a large crew of employees must be taken care of. Like a fair or a circus the show must go on regardless of attendants.

Florida today stands among the first five states as having the best racing, the best racing laws and the best racing commissioners.

Here again we have to thank past legislatures for the intelligence and good judgement they have shown in dealing with the problem.

Florida is primarily a tourist state and must give her visitors the pleasures and recreation they seek. The millions they leave with us each year go a long way toward helping our state.

They learned to come and continue to spend their money here, if we deal fairly with them and don't allow unreasonable taxation to become burdensome and oppressive.

We've been getting along pretty well with the present laws and if any changes are to be made, they should be made carefully to determine just what the effect will be from the standpoint of dollars and cents. Florida is in line with other states today and be-

The sum of \$602,716.34 was spent by the State last year on agriculture, which is the largest item for the main agencies that are dedicated and devoted to the promotion of agriculture in Florida, such as the State Plant Board, the Agricultural Experiment Station, the several Experiment Stations, and numerous other similar agencies. Florida's vast income from agriculture well warrants the expenditure of this sum for its promotion.

Livestock is rapidly becoming one of Florida's biggest-paying industries. It is estimated to rank almost at the top in cattle production among the states in the Union. The economic development of the State of Florida spent \$23,628.51 last year. Most of this money was spent in carrying on the work of tick eradication.

Florida has few assets more valuable than her forests (timber and turpentine). Therefore, it is well that the State spent \$481,306.50 last year in efforts to conserve and develop its forest. But this can never be done adequately until woods-burning is stopped. It is conservatively estimated by the anniversary.

State Board of Forestry, that woods-burning destroyed \$6,881.17,170.00 worth of property last year. It is also estimated by the same board that more than 75% of all forest fires are deliberately and with intent to injure. Most everybody knows why these fires are set. And most everybody knows how to stop them.

The State Game Department spent \$214,000.00 last year. I would like to add that it is the State Game Department that has given a gun at a flying foot on any species of fauna natural (wild animal) with braggadocio that excites me.

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VISITORS GREENVILLE

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Jensen Will Be Candidate

Axel Jensen, who is now entering his second term as a Pahokee city councilman, has announced his intention to be a candidate for re-election. The May election, John E. Cochran, chairman of council, is considering the matter, and likely will be a candidate.

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St. Augustine's annual fiesta "A Day in Old Spain" will be staged on Friday, March 29th.

There are many girls who know what it is to be called popular. How many of them know what it means to be embarrassed?

Now, these girls tell me that one-half of the population of the U.S. is crazy. What we want to know is, which half and then figure out which side we are on!

AT THE THEATRES

—WALTER H. COOPER

DOUBLED ROMANCE OF "KITTY FOYLE"

"A white collar girl's contrasting romances color the dilemma of Ginger Rogers in her newest vehicle."

In the title of this exciting film version of the best-seller by Christopher Morley, Miss Rogers has what is said to be her most gripping and appealing character.

As a saucy Irish lass in Philadelphia she grows up to envy the wealthy socialites of the city, and gets a job as secretary to one of them. The acquaintance leads to a short engagement, assumed by Kitty herself when the boy's family refuse to have them.

She even keeps secret that she's going to have a baby when she goes to the boy's home to marry him.

But despite her clear thinking she can't forget him—and that leads to the absorbing climax of the picture.

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DOUBLED ROMANCE OF "KITTY FOYLE"

"A white collar girl's contrasting romances color the dilemma of Ginger Rogers in her newest vehicle."

In the title of this exciting film version of the best-seller by Christopher Morley, Miss Rogers has what is said to be her most gripping and appealing character.

As a saucy Irish lass in Philadelphia she grows up to envy the wealthy socialites of the city, and gets a job as secretary to one of them. The acquaintance leads to a short engagement, assumed by Kitty herself when the boy's family refuse to have them.

She even keeps secret that she's going to have a baby when she goes to the boy's home to marry him.

But despite her clear thinking she can't forget him—and that leads to the absorbing climax of the picture.

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Town Of Pahokee Sells Its Bonds

When bids were opened by Pahokee city council, Friday night, for the sale of the \$35,000 city hall project bonds, there was a bit of disappointment expressed by the members. The bids had been believed at a number of firms would bid for the bonds, and expected above par bids. However, only two bids were received, and both of these were under par.

The two bids submitted were as follows: Atwell & Co., of Miami, \$34,404.00, and acquired interest; John W. Clark Company, of Chicago, \$34,237.00, and acquired interest. The high bid represented 98.1% of the bonds.

After discussing the question for some time, and believing that the Atwell bid was as good as could be secured at this time, and a better one could not be secured

if a resale was called, Council voted to accept the bid. The proper officers were authorized to sign the bonds to the Atwell Company.

The City Garage collection ordinance was brought up and passed at its second reading. There were indications that some slight changes may be made in the ordinance prior to its final passage at the next session of council.

A resolution providing for the destruction of \$100,000 of dead winter, yearling, and composition was adopted. Also a resolution calling for the annual election for councilmen on May 6th. Councilmen Johnson and Cochran's terms expire at this time.

Council voted to a \$5 a week increase to Mr. Justice who drives the garbage collection truck, as he would be entitled to this when the new garbage collection law became effective on May 1st.

Chairman Hugo Boe, of the Fire

Committee, had samples of fire hose for council to inspect. Small size would cost \$25.00 per foot.

Mr. Boe will secure other prices, and was empowered to purchase 200 feet of one and half inch at the best price obtainable.

Will Propose New Laws

At the meeting of the Legislature this year, there is likely to be some radical changes made, relating to the Game laws of Florida if proposed recommendations are adopted.

Mr. Kennedy, secretary of the State Game and Fresh Water Commission, states that these recommendations will come from his board:

1. Reduce the bag limit on salt water game and fish.
2. Bring state hunting laws

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Rotes Announce Coming Programs

The program committee of the Pahokee Rotary Club has arranged the program events for the coming quarter as follows: April 17, Pan-American day, in charge of Rev. W. D. Nowlin, of the First Methodist Church. April 24, Youth Service, Jeff Coffey in charge; May 1, Tampa conference reports; May 8, High school on tour to Miami; May 15, Student member day, Vance Denton in charge; April 22, Open, likely an inter-city meeting; April 29, Lion's day, in charge of Rev. W. D. Nowlin; April 29, Urban day, Imman Weeta, chairman; June 12, Vocational program, Sam Chastain in charge; July 19, open; June 26, End of Rotary year, President Thurmond King in charge.

REUNIONS HOME

Mr. D. S. Spooner, who has been spending some time in Australia, has returned to her Pahokee home, very much improved in her health.

To REPAINT TANKS

The Belle Glade city council is to have the city water storage tanks repainted, and has also hired a man to give full time service in the care of the recreation park.

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BOTH OUTSTANDING NEW 1941 VALUES—SEE THEM TODAY!

Boe's Automotive Service

On Pahokee & Canal Point Highway

Moehberg Extended Call by Baptists

The Pahokee Baptist church has secured Dr. W. D. Nowlin, of Arcadia, to support the Baptist cause at the 25th anniversary of the Lord's Supper.

Carl Moehberg, of Little River, will be present to preach and at that time will give decision whether or not he will accept the invitation of the church.

Rev. Moehberg conducted revival services at the church last year and made a most favorable impression, so much so that the church council decided to extend him a pastoral call.

Thompson Harvests Potato Crop

C. A. Thompson, of Belle Glade, was the first grower to harvest his spring potato crop. The potatoes were harvested through the packing house.

The potatoes while not large are of a very fine quality.

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